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S U B J E C T : Delimitation of "Interception Area" Around Cuba

P A R T I C I P A N T S : Mr. Georgi M. Kornienko, Counselor, Soviet Embassy
Mr. Richard H. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs
SOV - David Henry

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SOV - Mr. Henry
Defense
Ambassador MOSCOW

I handed the attached letter on the above subject to Counselor Georgi Kornienko today at 3:00 p.m.

A T T A C H M E N T :

Letter to Mr. Kornienko.

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Dear Mr. Kornienko:

I have been instructed to convey, for the information of Ambassador Dobrynin, the text of a message handed to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. U Thant, by Ambassador Stevenson on October 27. The text is as follows:

"My Government has instructed me to inform you that the 'interception area' referred to in your letter of October 25 to the President of the United States and in his reply of October 26, comprises (a) the area included within a circle with its center at Havana and a radius of 500 nautical miles, and (b) the area included within a circle with its center at Cape Maisi (Maisi), located at the eastern tip of the Island of Cuba, and a radius of 500 nautical miles.

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"You may wish to pass the above information to Chairman Khrushchev so that he can proceed in accordance with his October 26 letter to you, in which he stated that he had ordered the masters of Soviet vessels bound for Cuba but not yet within the interception area to stay out of the area."

The text of this message is also being sent by the American Embassy in Moscow to the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

Richard N. Davis
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for European Affairs

Mr. Georgi M. Kornienko,
Counselor,
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,
Washington, D.C.

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